

The Nation Is Calling Out For Connecticut To Lead
By Passing Strong, Smart Gun Violence Prevention Legislation

Please vote **NOW** to approve nothing less than the Governor's common sense gun safety proposals, including:

1. A ban on military style assault weapons that are listed by model name or, if not listed, are semi-automatic weapons capable of accepting detachable magazines and have any military features. Individuals currently in possession of banned weapons will be required to register them by October 1, 2013. Future sales and purchases will be outlawed. Exemptions are proposed for law enforcement officers, corrections officials, and military and naval personnel discharging their official duties;
2. A ban on large capacity magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds. Individuals in possession of magazines with a capacity greater than ten rounds should have until October 1, 2013 to sell out of state, turn over to law enforcement, or permanently modify to no longer be capable of holding more than ten rounds;
3. Expanding safe storage laws that now only call for strict liability if owners are negligent in prohibiting access to firearms by minors under 16. Existing statute should be amended to encompass all individuals ineligible to own a firearm;
4. Requiring universal background checks on all sales and transfers including private sales.

Additionally, please pass legislation that:

5. Requires registration of all handguns with annual renewal, including updated background check; stipulation that all handguns are still in the possession of original purchaser or transferee; explanation for any handgun not being in their possession. Require safety inspection every three years. Fee on initial registration and renewal to mitigate expense.
6. Requires a permit to purchase and carry all guns, including long guns, and to purchase ammunition.
7. Limits handgun sales to one gun/month.

Thank you for considering these measures and please vote in support of this Common Sense Legislation.

Sincerely,

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